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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

Administration of Government Gardens and Hill Stations for 1932-33.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. 62, dated 30th November 1933, from the Superintendent, Government Gardens in Mysore, submitting the report on the administration of the Government Gardens, for the year 1932-33.

ORDER No. E. 2648-708—G. G. 5-33-7, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH FEBRUARY 1934.

Recorded.

The report has again been received after a delay of two months. The explanation of the Superintendent that the delay was due to pressure of work cannot be accepted. He is directed to see that such delays are avoided and the Administration Reports are submitted punctually in future.

Mr. H. C. Javaraya was in charge of the Department during the year, as Superintendent, after the retirement of Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel, Director of Horticulture, from service from 1st July 1932. He was also appointed Chairman of the Mysore Horticultural Society. Mr. M. K. Sitaram Chetty, Assistant Superintendent, was appointed Secretary to the Society. The Horticultural School was closed in January 1933 as a measure of retrenchment.

Among the plants introduced during the year were the Hill papaya from Ooty, five lavender flavoured varieties of Raspberry from Paris, and some kinds of apple

stocks from Kent. The Tung oil tree (received from Hongkong) and the pencil ceder tree (received from Kenya) and certain other plants of commercial value were propagated. Certain economic plants received from the Botanic Gardens, Darjeeling, (the pulp of which is utilised in the manufacture of paper) and some varieties of walnuts received from Santa Rosa, Kikuyu grass (a spreading fodder grass suited for dry sandy soil received from Madras), some varieties of cocoanut received from the Bansda State, different kinds of medicinal plants received from Germany and some varieties of oak received from Dehra Dun and Australia were acclimatized.

Fruit culture was carried on in the Government Botanic Gardens, the Central Fruit Nursery, the Horticultural Farm and Krishnarajasagara Orchard. Some varieties of fruit plants, introduced some time ago, are reported to be doing well. About 3,124 fruit plants consisting chiefly of apples, oranges, grape fruit, lemon, grape vines were imported from Australia and supplied to fruit growers. A large number of fruit trees were propagated and 836 fruit plants were distributed for planting in the backyard of houses in villages. There are about 2,00,000 acres under fruit cultivation, while there are 10,00,000 acres under irrigation. There is a fairly large fruit export trade with Madras, Bombay and Hyderabad. There is still much scope for the expansion of fruit culture in the State. With a view to develop fruit culture in many parts of the State and to secure to the fruit growers the necessary marketing facilities, the Mysore Fruit Growers' Association was formed in May 1933. The Superintendent has, in consultation with the Director of Agriculture, drawn up a scheme for the opening of a Fruit Research Station and it is under the consideration of the Government.

Vegetable culture was carried on, as usual, in the Horticultural Farm, the work consisting chiefly in trying new varieties and selecting and producing seeds for distribution. Several new varieties of vegetables were tried with varying results, fairly satisfactory on the whole. A large collection of the several varieties of the vegetables grown in the farm was displayed at the half-yearly Horticultural Shows, and it was much appreciated by the public. The farm grew, in addition, fodder crops (such as Rhodes grass, elephant grass, fodder jola and lucerne) for sale to the Military Department and the public. Though the working of the farm resulted in a net profit of Rs. 2,446-7-3, Government observe that, as compared with the results of the previous year, the income of the farm has fallen and the total expenditure risen during the year and the net profit has gone down to even less than half of that (Rs. 5,071-15-4) in the previous year, and is also less than that in the year before. The report makes no reference to this comparative fall in the financial position of the farm. The Superintendent states, however, that the supply of Rhodes grass to the Military Department was stopped from the beginning of the latter part of the year as the Military Department arranged to grow their own grass, and that much difficulty was experienced in disposing of the grass during the latter part of the year and that owing to private competition, the price was also reduced to eight annas per 100 lbs. (Farm Delivery) and twelve annas (House Delivery) from one rupee in the previous year. Nevertheless, the result of the working of the farm requires looking into and the Superintendent is requested to investigate the matter and submit a report to Government at an early date.

The collection of plants in the Botanic Gardens was added to, by the introduction of many new plants of horticultural and botanical interest. The number of tests made for seed testing was 370, and the quantity of the seeds collected for sale and supply in exchange was 378 lbs. against 312 lbs. in the previous year. In regard to Plan Pest Control, the Spraying Staff visited 155 gardens and treated 17,257 plants for various insect pests and fungus diseases. Experiments on the preparation of composts were conducted in the various gardens of the Department with satisfactory results.

The progress in the wasteland Trial Plantation at Tumkur was satisfactory. Over 20,000 avenue plants were propagated in Bangalore, Mysore, Tumkur, and 3,814 plants were distributed to the various District Boards and Municipalities. A large number of trees were also planted in the departmental gardens.

The Lal-Bagh was maintained in good condition and has kept up its reputation as a place of public resort and instruction. The several parks and minor gardens under the control of the Department were maintained satisfactorily.

The Nandi Hill Station continued to be popular as a health resort and attracted a large number of visitors both from within and outside the State. The buildings and the gardens on the Station were well maintained. In March 1933, the maintenance of the buildings on the Station was transferred to the Public Works Department.

Government note that the Mysore Horticultural Society is becoming an important means of spreading Horticultural knowledge in the State. The Society held two Horticultural Shows as usual, and it is stated that the exhibits were of a high standard.

R. RANGA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Recognises the Grain Merchants' Association, Bangalore.

READ—

Government Order No. RI 5818-21—R. A. 21-32-25, dated 26th April 1933, recognising the Mysore Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of deputing a member to the Representative Assembly to be reconstituted in June 1934 and allotting one of the two seats reserved for the Special Interest of Trade and Commerce to the Chamber.

ORDER NO. RL. 631-34—R. A. 27-33-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 3RD MARCH 1934.

Government are pleased to recognise the Grain Merchants' Association, Bangalore, for the purpose of deputing a member to represent the Special Interest of Trade and Commerce on the Representative Assembly to be reconstituted in June 1934.

R. RANGA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Withdrawal of Commission.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 5993-4—L. R. 404-26-2, dated 28th March 1927, directing the issue of a commission to Mr. Dharmarayacharya, B.A., LL.B., Agent to the Sri Kudli Akshobhya Thirtha Mutt in the Shimoga Taluk, investing him with powers under clauses (*d*), (*e*) and (*f*) of Section 99, Land Revenue Code, in respect of the villages of the Mutt noted in the margin.

Shimoga Taluk ...	1. Holehatti. 2. Savagondanahalli. 3. Beeranahalli. 4. Matenahalli.
Honnali Taluk ...	5. Hurulihalli. 6. Bullapura.

2. Petition from Mr. Dharmarayacharya, praying that the powers granted in the Government Order read above, may be withdrawn as at his own request.

ORDER NO. R. 4292-93—L. R. 7-33-26, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH FEBRUARY 1934.

Government are pleased to withdraw the powers conferred on Mr. Dharmarayacharya, B.A., LL.B., Agent of the Sri Kudli Akshobhya Thirtha Mutt, Shimoga Taluk, in their order, dated 28th March 1927, read above.

S. ABDUL WAJID,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.